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- 1. EMBASSY WILL PROCEED TO IMPLEMENT REVISED SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY KREPS' VISIT TO JAPAN, CONTAINED REF A, IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE.
- 2. WE ARE SCHEDULDING USTC SHOW OPENING AT WHAT IS FOR JAPAN THE EARLY HOUR OF 10:00 A.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.
- 3. WE ARE SCHEDULING SEPTEMBER 28 BREAKFAST MEETING WITH THE AMERICAN PRESS AT THE USTC. WE NEED RESPONSE TO REF D CONCERNING NUMBER OF PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO BE INVITED.
- 4. ALTHOUGH EXACT TIMES OF THREE MINISTERIAL CALLS NOT YET CONFIRMED SINCE RELATED QUESTION OF BEGINNING DATE FOR EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF DIET NOT DECIDED BY GOJ, TENTATIVE SCHEDULING OF OPEN PRESS CONFERENCE FOR 11:00 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 27 APPEARS FEASIBLE. IT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT FEASIBLE, HOWEVER, TO HOLD SUCH CONFERENCE TO 25 MINUTES. AS EXPLAINED REF C, BECAUSE OF REQUIREMENT FOR CONSECUTIVE TRANSLATION, PRESS CONFERENCES ARE NORMALLY AT LEAST ONE HOUR IN LENGTH, WHICH EQUATES TO A PERIOD OF 30 MINUTES IN TERMS OF A WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. A 25-MINUTES IN TERMS OF A WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. A 25-MINUTE PERIOD WOULD PERMIT ONLY TWO

OR THREE QUESTIONS. EMBASSY CANNOT INVITE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO A 25-MINUTE SESSION; NOR WOULD SUCH REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND EVEN IF INVITED. RECOMMEND THEREFORE THAT PRESS CONFERENCE BE SCHEDULED TO RUN TO 12:00 NOON. IF THIS NOT ACCEPTABLE, WE SHOULD PLAN TO STRIKE CONFERENCE FROM SCHEDULE.

5. NOISE LEVEL AT HANEDA MAKES ORAL DELIVERY OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTRE STATEMENTS IMPRACTICAL. USUAL PROCEDURE IS FOR USIS TO HAND OUT STATEMENTS AT AIRPORT. RECOMMEND THIS BE FOLLOWED BY SECRETARY. WE WILL NEED TEXT OF ARRIVAL STATEMENT A FEW DAYS IN ADVANCE.

6. WOUL APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE RE QUESTIONS RAISED IN FOREGOING.
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